AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following on page 15, line 28:

Referring to Fig. 2, remote-control device 104 includes a ~~control unit 105~~ control unit 150, a first block 152, a second block 154, and a third block 156.

Please amend the following on page 16, line 16:

First block 152 is a block for the user to enter information to remote-control device 104. First block 152 includes a ~~key input unit 108~~ key input unit 103, and an interface 205. Key input unit 103 includes a ten-key, a cursor key, and the like. The user can enter information and the like required for various setting using key input unit 103.

Please amend the following on page 18, line 24-25:

ROM 801 stores various processing programs and data required for respective processing. The required data includes an apparatus ID under control of gateway device 106. Respective processing programs are executed at control unit 113 of gateway device 106. The processing program includes, for example, a news application, a weather application, a provider application, and the like. News application is directed to connecting to the Internet via a telephone line 112 to receive presentation of information such as news, and to transmit mail received from remote-control device 104. The weather application is directed to receiving information such as the weather forecast in accordance with a method similar to that of a news application. The provider application is directed to establishing access to the data stored in ~~flash memory 830~~ flash memory 803 to present the information to the user. These applications include a database to notify the user of information according to the role of each application. This information is referred to as event information. Control unit 113 executing these applications generates event information using the data included in the database, and information obtained from an appliance such as air conditioner 111 and/or information obtained from an appliance establishing communication through telephone line 112. A specific example of the event information will be described afterwards.

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Please amend the following on page 23, line 25:

~~First block 114~~ First block 142 is a block for the user to directly control communication adaptor 108. First block 142 includes a key input unit 913, and an interface 914. Key input unit 913 includes setting keys such as a dip switch. When the user is to use air conditioner 111 with communication adaptor 108 connected, the channel and the like for establishing specific low power radio communication with gateway device 106 are set using the dip switch of key input unit 913.

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